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BOX - YOU ARE UNFINANCIAL.

At the end of the first year of the
eighties, the same endless pattern continues.
Dedicated Ufologists are adding new cases to
their files at personal expense to themselves.
Rather than trying to convince the scientific
community and the sceptics, less time would be
wasted by co-operating with scientists who are
self starters and who demonstrate sufficient
thinkability to be of assistance, otherwise
there can be a great deal of lost motion
molly-coddling timid academics.

If more backing were given to those
UFOlogists who are fighting for the release of
outstanding documents, the day of official
admission would be hastened.

The old pattern continues, the UFO's tact,
the human race reacts. The UFOlogists in-
vestigate, the armchair "experts" have a
contradicting heyday. Some groups decree
demons, another factor proclaims angels, the
materialists assure us definitely hardware.
The occultists demand the psychic answer and
the sceptics hope for nonsense, while all the
time officialdom orders silence!

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AND HEALTHY FESTIVE SEASON.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

As reported in the last edition, the library is now operational. Loans and book lists will take a month or so to come up to full efficiency, yet we felt that the sooner we got it operational, the better it would be for you all.

At this stage we have about 172 different titled books, covering a vast array of topics. Due to this large quantity, it becomes impossible to bring all the books to each meeting, therefore a selection will be provided for you on these nights.

There is a cover charge for the loans, 50c if you receive a book at the meeting and a \$1.00 if requested by post. In the case of postage in both directions, that will be an added cost to you.

We have rules, information and book lists to hand out very soon and with these you will find information on loan procedures.

I will provide book reviews, interesting topics and information as regularly as possible in the magazine, which I hope will assist you in deciding what books to select.

BOOK REVIEW NO. 1

"UFO'S FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN"

By J. Wevverbergh and I. Hobana. Our Lib. No. 106

Your first impression on picking up the book, is of its size. Nine chapters and 304 pages, it is not until later that you find that a quarter of the book is a documentation of 279 UFO reports, well laid out and very informative.

Written in 1972, therefore not old by any means, the authors produce surprising evidence, backed up by good diagrams, pictures, graphs, and most important, good sighting reconstruction.

Up until the 1960's, say the authors the Russian authorities felt that the UFO reports were part of the west's Cold War scare tactics, aimed at creating unrest among the people. Then in a heady period of freedom which started in Oct. 1967, an unofficial committee of scientists convened to study the enigma in their spare time. But a year later the Russian bosses broke up the committee and put a stop to open UFO research in the Soviet Union. More than 90% of the 162 cases selected and reported from Romania remained unpublished.

STRANGER THINGS TO SEE

On the 3rd June 1968, a Mr. W.J. Meister, found a foot print of someone wearing shoes. What was so strange about this? The prints were in 540 million year old stratum. That's not all, for at the heel of the left foot a trodden remains of a Trilobite, (a primitive crayfish from the earth's beginnings) was found fossilised along with the foot print. The shoes were 32.5cm long, 11.25 cm wide, 7.5cm heel. The find was made at Antelope Springs, 43 miles from Delta, Utah, USA.

(FROM PAGE 254 "ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE" BY E. VON DANIKEN.)

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It's_a_strange_world.

COMPUTERS SAY UFO'S REAL

(By George Butler, Times Staff Writer.)

A computer declares that UFO's are real.

A young French scientist, Claude Poher, decided to prove once and for all the actual existence of flying saucers. Out of 35,000 UFO observation reports that he had been able to collect, he selected the thousand best ones, translated them onto IBM punch cards, and fed them to a computer.

Then he fed to the same computer the apparent characteristics of everything that could be seen in the sky and mistaken for a flying saucer - such as the planet Venus, weather balloons, marsh gas, meteorites. The computer was to compare these with the UFO sightings and reach a final decision. The verdict of the computer was that flying saucers do exist and cannot be confused with anything else in the sky. They have landed hundreds of times in deserted spots, far away from urban areas. They appear during the day as bright metallic objects reflecting sunlight and casting shadows and during the night take on yellowish or greenish-orange color. They can appear in the form of discs, spheres or even cigars.

The computer found that 70 percent of the observations were made at night, one in 10 involved landings, and one in 20 were cases when extraterrestrial astronauts were seen by or had contact with humans. Very powerful magnetic forces were always present. These forces could cut the power of automobile or aircraft generators, disturb radio transmissions and makes all kinds of electromagnetic instruments go completely crazy.

Maurice Chatelain, former aerospace electronics engineer, offers an interesting theory in his book "Our Ancestors Came from Outer Space" about how the space travellers use our planets to reach earth.

"Arriving from a far away stellar system with a very high velocity, these spaceships could use the enormous gravitational attraction of the four big planets of our solar system to slow down and settle into an orbit around Jupiter or one of its four largest satellites. There, like an airport terminal, they could wait for their connecting flight, the planet Mars, to pass by and then settle into an orbit around that planet. There they could wait again for the earth to pass by and then settle into an orbit around the earth or moon".

According to polls, UFO's have been seen by more than 15 percent of the population of the United States, including President Carter. And more than 50 percent of all Americans believe that visitors from inner or outer space actually exist. Percentages in areas like the Caribbean, where UFO's are so frequently sighted, are much greater.

Charles Berlitz, author of "The Bermuda Triangle" and the subsequent book, "Without a Trace", believes that UFO's are definitely linked to the mysterious disappearance of planes and ships in the Bermuda Triangle area off the coast of Florida.

Continued.....

UFO sightings have occurred in all parts of the world, however. Jacques Vallee, the French astronomer and NASA scientist, mentions that in China foreigners are often asked if other countries besides China have UFO's.

Many persons believe that UFO's have been with us a long time and cite the Biblical account of Ezekiel and the wheel as a possible UFO encounter. What are the UFO's up to? No one seems to know. Some people regard them as friendly and others as hostile.

To some people, they have a religious significance, are a sign of the Last Days, and a reminder that the Bible speaks of warfare in the skies, as well as on earth, in the time of Armageddon.

General Douglas MacArthur thought they were hostile and that the nations of the world should unite to defeat them. But a computer said the spaceships had all the military advantages.

Following are a few of the theories about UFO's and their aims :

- * They are from a dry planet and seeking water, which they are taking from the seas of our planet.

- * They are collecting specimens of animals and mobile devices, such as planes and ships, for comparison and study.

- * They need other elements, perhaps gold, for their electronic systems and conductors. (There is approx. \$360 million worth of gold in every mile of seawater).

- * They are protecting us from innate tendencies to destroy ourselves and our portion of the universe.

- * They are keeping air and space travel under surveillance to make sure we do not leave this planet on missions of conquest.

- * They are extraterrestrials using the electromagnetic and other natural forces of earth as an energy supply source for intergalactic travel and regard the inhabitants of earth and their welfare with cosmic indifference.

These are just a few of the many theories.

Many prophets believe that the answer may come within the near future and that it may have a Biblical significance. Some even predict the Rapture may take place by UFO's.

Don't forget GENERAL MEETING Royal Society Hall, 8pm

Dec. 10th

9 Victoria Street

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***AN INTERESTING ENCOUNTER COMES OF AGE

"THOUGHTS ON THE NEW GUINEA SIGHTING"

by Rev. William Gill.

Back in 1959 I stood with a group of Papua - New Guinea villagers looking up at a spectacularly large, circular and illuminous object which appeared to hang for four hours out of the darkening tropical sky on some invisible wire.

The detailed description I recorded during this most unusual and unexpected sighting was soon not only to make headlines but also provocative debate across the world.

The main pivot of controversy was the reference in my notes to human, or human-like, life observed on board the craft which I described as being engaged in some kind of manipulation apparently associated with the vehicle's maintenance. From time to time, a thin, electric blue light beam pierced upwards from the vehicle's centre at a 45 degree angle.

Eventually, our UFO silently ascended through the gathering clouds and disappeared. But not all Unidentified Flying Objects are on record as having departed so peacefully from their observers. Some witnesses have expressed a sense of fear or have experienced continued emotional deprivation and even tragedy as a result of too close an encounter with a UFO. Yet, during the twenty-one years that have elapsed since the P.N.G. experience, science seems no closer to identifying the phenomenon or finding out the Flying Saucer's origin or its purpose.

Compilation of evidence and collection of anecdotes have together added little that is significant to knowledge or enlightenment. And so it has become easier to talk and write about UFO's than to devote a life-time investigating them: easier to theorise on alien visitations or to deliberate upon the psychological condition of any who claim to have been confronted with Flying Saucers than to probe for some tangible evidence for the reason for their existence.

Data accumulates, is filed away, remains provocative - because we have not yet discovered how to direct our research into the right frame of reference; it is not at all reasonable to suppose human intelligence incapable of finding firm meaning to the network of recorded UFO sightings plotted over the past few decades across the continents.

Turning the key of the door to UFO enlightenment may be simple and closer to our time than is commonly supposed, and might be paralleled with the accidental discovery of the answer to the transistor problem during the 1940's.

A World War II electronic expert would have had little chance of fathoming out how a transistor radio could possibly work had some alien visitor handed him a set for minute inspection. It was not the idea of the transistor that was unknown to our hypothetical veteran, but the possibility of it functioning in the way it does.

Assumption underlying theory of the time was that transistor function depended upon PURITY of substance. In reality (and this was discovered quite by accident) audible radio reception, by means of transistors, depends upon IMPURITY of substance. Once this was known, the principle could be applied and technology advanced. How relevant this analogy is to the Flying Saucer problem must depend ultimately upon convictions and endeavours of those involved.

ON THE U.F.O. TRAIL ...
by Paul Norman.

For the past six months, people have been ringing and writing from overseas, as well as from all over Australia, enquiring about the recently published book entitled "Alien Honeycomb".

Not having seen the material in question, let alone knowing anything about the analysis, the V.U.F.O.F.S. Committee has been reluctant to comment. Society scientific advisors are willing and able to put the material to test if the opportunity arises.

I personally recall attending a conference on Metallurgy in the 1950's, where an inventor was present with material resembling honeycomb which, he was of the opinion, would revolutionize the steel industry. At that time he had a patent pending.

The main reason for the VUFORS stand is because it is a fact that similarly described material is known to be used in our own space and military programs.

On the other hand, there are known to be incidents where fragments have been recovered that cannot be easily dismissed as man made.

During a visit to the Center for U.F.O. Studies, I obtained a record entitled "U.F.O. Encounters". It is now in cassette form and can be ordered from C.U.F.O.S., 1609 Sherman Ave., Room 207, Evanston, Ill. 60201, U.S.A. The price is \$11.95 U.S., plus \$1.00 postage.

One of the encounters described on this cassette occurred in 1948, but was not made known until after nearly 30 years of silence by Lt. Col. Robert B. Willingham, U.S. Air Force Retired; thanks to the Freedom of Information Act.

The UFO was first detected by the NORAD chain of radar stations in the Dew Line along the Arctic Circle. It was tracked all the way south over Texas and crashed near the Mexican border.

The object made the usual 90 degree turns without changing speed as reported in hundreds of other cases throughout the world.

Col. Willingham and one of his colleagues flew to the crash site in a light aircraft but were refused permission to enter the cordoned off area. However, the object had apparently exploded scattering fragments over a wide area. Willingham picked up a piece of the material which he described as "honeycomb". He said that it possessed unknown qualities, resembling magnesium steel with a lot of carbon, which would not melt under the heat of a blow torch.

It is with a feeling of anticipation and curiosity that I look forward to a follow-up investigation with a colleague, early next year, of a similar "crash site", located by chance while on my 1979 trip across the Northwestern United States.

Just one more example of a point of intrigue that can occur along the UFO Trail.

DID A 'UFO' DRAIN THIS FARM TANK?

(Credit: "Independent" Perth, W.A.(John Hemmingway)

24th June 1979 DID a UFO "drink" 13,000 gallons of water from a paddock water tank? That's the mystery facing a farming couple in the WA outback. The disappearing water is tied up with the extraordinary events surrounding reports of "flashing blue lights" seen in the night sky near Mount Magnet last year.

Ron and Heather Moses checked their 13,000 gallon (52,000 litre) tank late one Saturday. It was full to within two inches of the top.

The next day, it was bone dry.

The plug was still in place. There was no sign of leakage and no tracks to suggest anyone had been near the tank.

Two days later, reports of flashing lights brought scores of reporters and UFO spotters to the area.

Heather said: "We never told of what happened to our water tank because my husband thought people would laugh. The only explanation I can think of, is that a UFO took it. I do believe in these things. There is no way that amount of water could disappear without trace. It could not have evaporated in that short space of time. If it had leaked out slowly, all of it could not have gone overnight. If it had rushed out, it would have left some signs on the ground. Ron is a good bushman but he could not find any tracks near the tank. We refilled it and it has been all right ever since", Heather added: "The reports of the blue flashing lights said they had gone right over our paddock".

UFO TALLIES WITH OTHERS

(Credit: "Gippsland Times".

Sale - Wed. 15th Oct. 1980 ... Researchers check site -

A Kilmany farmhand's description of an unidentified flying object tallied with sightings described throughout the world, according to the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Mr. George Blackwell's description of the orange top-shaped object he observed on Sept. 30th was identical to that reported by a Willow Grove man near Traralgon in 1963.

Society members Mr. Paul Norman and Mr. Pat Gildea interviewed Mr. Blackwell on the weekend and inspected marks left by the UFO on the grazing property "Whiteacres" between Sale and Rosedale.

Mr. Gildea, using a Geiger counter to check the area for radiation, said there appeared to be only normal radiation in the ground. "However, recent rain would have affected this level", he said. Mr. Gildea placed compasses at different points on the burnt ring of grass, checking each one for any deviation in magnetic degrees but could see no change.

A metal detector registered a reading around the mark.

Mr. Norman took several soil samples from the ring for thermoluminescence testing in Melbourne. This test determines whether or not the soil has been heated by something unnatural.

The men were interested to note the reactions of the farm animals to the sound and mark made by the object.

Mr. Blackwell, who lives at "Whiteacres" owned by Mr. Ralph Anderson, said that Hereford cattle frightened on the night by the UFO, still refused to walk over the charred ring it left behind after landing and taking off.

Water? Mr. Norman said the object may have been looking for water. A 10,000 gallon tank on the property had a low water level after the sighting.

(a more detailed report on the above sighting on next page ..)

"THE WHITE-ACRES ENCOUNTER"

(Credible "baseball") by Pat Gildea.

Location: 19 kilometers due west of Sale, Victoria, on the Princes Highway. A cattle grazing property of approx. 500 acres called "WHITE-ACRES".

Time and Date: Tuesday 30th Sept. 1980 : 1am - 1.50 am.

Principal Witness: MR. GEORGE BLACKWELL, the Property stationhand.

Weather Conditions: A clear star studded sky, calm, no wind with a full moon.

The Sighting

Mr. Blackwell awoke from his sleep to the noise of his horse galloping around the paddock in panic, the bellowing of cattle nearby and an unusual whistling sound. Glancing at his bedside clock - 1 am - he arose in haste and went to the back porch to investigate the commotion.

Being unable to view the horse from the porch due to a small shed Mr. Blackwell climbed onto the top porch rail to view the animal.

Immediately his attention was drawn to an object flying low from a south westerly direction just below a clump of trees. The object was approximately 550 ft from the porch. Mr. Blackwell estimated the object to be 6 ft off the ground.

The object was producing a low whistling sound and emitted blue and orange lights.

Mr. Blackwell's thoughts were in his own words "Oh my God it's an aircraft crashing". He then stood there stunned watching the object. As it cleared the trees he realized the object was domed shaped, not an aircraft and like nothing he had ever witnessed before.

He estimated it to be 10 ft in height and 26 ft in length. The object proceeded in a straight line passing over fences and touched down 50 ft from a concrete water tank $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the house.

Mr. Blackwell returned to the bedroom, changed clothes, jumped on his motor bike and drove towards the site where the object had landed.

On arriving at a closed gate he alighted from his bike and nervously opened the gate while still observing the object. The object was stationary on the ground, the whistling sound continued and orange and blue lights were slowly revolving.

The lights were 10 ft apart and approx. 7 inches in diameter. The object in the light of the moon was bell shaped, coloured orange with a white dome on top.

After approx. 10 minutes the object started to lift off and Mr. Blackwell mounted his bike and drove directly towards it. When 50 yds from the object the whistling noise increased in pitch like a jet engine in reverse. The noise was ear piercing as the object raised slowly into the air giving off a blast of heat.

As the bike was on a slight slope its headlight picked up the bottom of the object as it rose. Mr. Blackwell noticed a large circular rim on the bottom similar to a hovercraft tube. This rim receded in width as the craft rose. Suddenly the suction reduced in the lift off as did the high pitched noise and stones and cow pads fell from below the craft.

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The craft flew in an easterly direction slowly gaining height and Mr. Blackwell observed it until it disappeared from eye sight.

On returning to the house the time was 1.50 am.

Results of the Investigation:

The principal witness was notably shaken by the experience and developed headaches at 11 am that morning. Headaches were not a normal thing for the witness. He did feel tired but also had trouble sleeping. No eye trouble had developed.

The physical evidence on the ground consisted of a circular brown ring 14 inches wide around the circumference with a diameter of approx. 30 ft. There were six evenly spaced half spokes pointing inwards towards the centre of the circle which had not turned brown. No radiation was evident and soil samples were taken. The magnetic field in the area was normal.

The grass, cape weed and clover was not burnt but appeared to have been poisoned creating the brown effect.

The 10,000 gallon water tank nearby was nearly empty to the amazement of the witness and the owner. No explanation could be found for this.

The stock on the property would not go anywhere near the circle. It was even impossible to force them into the paddock where the circle was.

There was a distinct line of rocks and cow pads lying on the ground in an easterly line from the circle. On examining these it was found they had been uprooted from another place probably the centre of the circle.

A time discrepancy of approx. 20 minutes was discovered in the witnesses' statement ; not all the details can be produced in this report as in all such cases we must respect the personal feelings and wishes of any witnesses.

The only other witness to be found was young Kelly Postle from the Kilmany General Store approx. 4 km away. Miss Postle stated that at 12.12 am the same morning she saw from her bedroom window a pink ball of fire moving slowly in the west just under the Southern Cross.

The sighting has been reported to the R.A.A.F. base at Sale and Flight Lieutenant Philip who handles the U.A.F. reports will investigate.

(P.S...on a return visit on 31st Oct., Mr. Blackwell recalled the object actually hovered over the tank before touching down).

On 24/7/80 between 5.45 and 6.15 pm a total of 35 people from Timboon to Portland, Victoria reported an object travelling from South-West towards North-East. Although a strong possibility exists that this object was an aircraft, the sighting was unusual and attracted attention over a wide area of the Western District.

At least 5 observers ran for their cameras and photographed the object. All witnesses reported the object to the West. A search was made to find witnesses who might have seen it to the East to better assess its size and distance.

One photo was analysed by G.S.W. The critique is published to give members some insight on the difficulties involved in solving the object's identity.

Two weeks later, a similar sighting was reported over Queensland, which presented almost identical problems. Russell Boundy, Investigations Director, UFO Research, F.N.Q. (Far North Queensland) has contributed his interesting report on the North Queensland case.

UFO SEEN OVER WARRNAMBOOL -

Credit - "The Standard", Friday, 25th July, 1980.

Red, bright, flat, round, saucer shaped...that's the way people described an unidentified flying object west of Warrnambool last night.

Five people in Warrnambool and three outside the city reported seeing the strange sight in the sky between 5.45 pm and 6.15 pm. Department of Transport and RAAF officials said there were no planes in the area at that time. The object was seen to travel north and then east for about 20 minutes before it disappeared.

Mrs. Margaret Lowe of Wangoom Road said she first saw the object from her kitchen window. "I was peeling potatoes when I first saw it. It was flat and round, sort of saucer shaped", she said. Another call came from Graham Kelly of Caramut Road who said the object appeared to be red and glowing with a tail. Mr. Kelly said he thought it was a slim cloud reflecting the setting sun's light when he first looked. After a later check with binoculars he said it looked like a plane.

Mark Lee and his girlfriend Kerrie Henderson were driving along the Gun Club Road when they saw the object at 5.45 pm.

"We got out of the car and stood watching it for about 15 or 20 minutes" he said. "It didn't move for about five minutes then it flattened out and went yellow. There was a red ring around it".

Moved Off

Mark said the object then moved slowly off towards Mortlake. "The lights went out and all that was left was a vapor trail but we could still see a black, flat object. It was hard to tell how high it was flying but it seemed to be stationed over Dooley's Hill".

In the Skiddaw area Mrs. Bruce Hill saw it and described the object having a black dot on the front and back and as she watched it to the north the object turned around.

Carol Wickenton of Panmure described it as very bright with a long tail behind it.

Milk tanker driver Bob Wallace of Killarney was driving at Dennington when he saw the object.

He said it looked to be coming from the south and was a black dot first. "It headed towards Koroit then veered off. I thought it was a plane but it was a yellow glow and when that went it was a black dot with a tail."

The RAAF duty officer said "there was no noticeable trace on radar but that could have been because it was flying too low."

UFO SIGHTING TO BE PROBED...

Credit - "The Standard" Sat. 26th July, 1980.

The Victorian UFO Research Society yesterday started investigations into an unidentified object seen near Warrnambool on Thursday. Society Vice-President, Mr. Paul Norman, last night interviewed people who reported seeing the UFO.

He said the society would send photographs of the object to America for expert analysis. Despite more than 10 reported sightings, aviation authorities and defence spokesmen were unable to explain the UFO's presence.

The UFO, which has been described as saucer shaped, cigar shaped, rocket like, red, bright, flat and round, was seen west of Warrnambool between 5.45 pm and 6.15 pm.

Standard photographer Steve Hynes photographed the UFO about 5.50 pm.

Mr. Norman said the UFO was "interesting". He said the society would have to wait for computer enhancement of the photographs before deciding on the object's identity.

"We have to determine for sure it's not a high performance aircraft" Mr. Norman said. "We also have to decide whether the object photographed was the same one seen by all the people who made reports". Mr. Norman said computer analysis of the photographs would take about a month.

A meteorology bureau information officer said yesterday the different colors of the object described in reports could have been caused by a red haze as the sun set. He said sunlight reflecting through the haze layer could have shown red, orange or yellow.

Planetarium lecturer at the Victorian Science Museum, Mr. Dave Marshall, said yesterday Saturn would be the most visible planet in the area of the UFO reports and would have been yellow. However, he said it would not be visible until after sunset and would appear in the north-west area of the sky. Mr. Marshall said an exhaust trail could sometimes appear with planets when viewed through mist or clouds.

Eight sightings were reported to the "Standard" on Thursday and another five yesterday.

One report yesterday was from a Cooramook farmer, who watched the object through binoculars for about four minutes from 5.45 pm.

He said the UFO was stationary in an area where the sun had just gone down, was round and appeared to have a ring around it similar to some planets. It was brown and appeared to have a black spot in one place. The farmer said he lost interest in the object because it was not moving.

UFO MAY HAVE BEEN A FOREIGN PLANE ...

Credit - "The Standard" Warrnambool, Thurs. 18th Sept.'80

The mystery object which passed across south western Victoria on July 24th may have been a foreign plane.

An analysis of photographs taken by Standard photographer Steve Hynes indicates that it was a solid metal object. Australian civilian and military officials have said there were no scheduled flights or air-craft detected on radar at the time.

The sighting is being checked by a member of the Victorian UFO Research Society. Vice-President of the organisation, Mr. Paul Norman, said yesterday if further tests indicated that the object was an aircraft the case would be turned over to the RAAF.

"It could have been a foreign aircraft". However, we still haven't discounted the possibility that it was a UFO. We are checking it further".

He said it was a similar case to a sighting near Cairns last month when the crew of a Darwin bound passenger jet sighted an object which sped quickly away from them. There were no known other aircraft in the area at the time.

The "Standard's" photograph was tested by the Ground Saucer Watch laboratory in Arizona at a cost of \$50 paid by the research society.

Mr. Norman, a retired SEC engineer, is living temporarily in Timboon to gather information on UFO's. He said he knew of five south western district people who had photographed the object in July and wanted to see the photographs.

Mr. Norman can be contacted on 95.0348. (055)

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Warrnambool Photographic Analysis -
Computer Image Enhancement (critique)

A lone B & W photograph of an unidentified object (UO) was submitted to GSW for analysis by Paul Norman of Australia. The daylight photograph contains an inarticulate image and an exhaust protuberance with only sparse foreground data. The photograph is extremely noisy (grainy) due to its enlarged size and the high speed film (Tri-X).

Since the UO was possibly observed by numerous witnesses in different locations, according to written transcript, the photograph is a good candidate for computer analysis. All major modes of computer enhancement were utilized during the interpretation including : digitizing, color contouring, spatial filtering and distance factoring. The following conclusions were obtained from the single photograph.

1. The UO image is not a hoax. There is no photographic evidence to establish any manipulation of the picture.
2. The UO image is not connected with any astronomical body. Nor is the image any known type of rare atmospheric or weather phenomenon.
3. A 135mm telephoto lens, when used in concert with a 2X tele-converter will photograph approximately 10° of the sky.
4. The photographer used a small aperture lens opening, probably F16 to F22, which accounts for the extreme depth of field.
Example: an F16 setting can effectively photograph foreground images as close as 4 meters, as well as distant images, and still have both images in good (sharp) focus.
5. The UO image is reflecting sunlight, both the body of the object and the contrail. Additionally, the UO image is in effect being backlit due to the position of the sun. Based on the direction of the sunlight* and the sighting (location) data, it is safe to conclude that the photograph was taken between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm local time.
NOTE * The data was calculated from the azimuth of the sun.
6. Assuming that the UO photograph was not cropped, then the picture width represents 10 degrees (.17450 Radians) of arc. The size of the UO with the contrail is approximately 1/6th of the total width or 1.7 degrees. The main body portion of the UO image is much smaller.
7. By using special filtering techniques it is possible to isolate this main body from the contrail and reveal that the contrail is being emitted from below the UO.
8. The shape of the UO is definitely elliptical with what appears to be a vertical stabilizer at the rear portion of the image.
9. When performing the technique of density slicing, we were able to count over 50 separate density (grey value) readings from the contrail area. This is due to the nature of a tenuous vapor trail and the effect of sunlight striking the same and diffusing in the upper atmosphere.
10. The aspect ratio (the ratio of width to height) was measured with a video micrometer. This ratio measurement is 7 to 1.
Example: If the UO is 20 feet long then it is approximately 3 feet high (thick).

11. The UO is at a vast distance and altitude from the photographer. Measurements based on pixel (picture cell) factoring reveal an altitude of at least 30,000 feet (9.4 KM). It should be noted that due to the grainy structure of the film that this figure is most likely conservative and in reality the UO is probably over 50,000 feet (14.5KM). The grainy structure of the film tends to make quantifiable measurements.

12. The actual size of the UO, void of the contrail, has a physical size close to that of most high altitude (weather or reconnaissance) aircraft.

13. The UO is at a vast distance from the photographer, however, due to a lack of additional sky features and the condition of the film an absolute measurement is impossible.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the photographic data it is the conclusion of GSW that the image represents a high-altitude military aircraft. The following facts tend to support his finding:

- A. The shape of the UO, reference Figure "A", is constant to that of an aircraft with a high vertical stabilizer.
- B. The size of the UO is also constant to that of common aircraft.
- C. Contrails, which are reflecting a setting sun, can be visible for over 15 minutes.
- D. The empirical observations of "hovering" and/or "standing still for over 5 minutes" could be attributed to the heading of the UO slightly angled from the witness. This has in the past, confused many witnesses of this type of observation.

The possibility of the UO representing an extra-ordinary flying craft should not be dismissed; however, additional sighting data and photographs must be obtained to substantiate its claim.

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REPORT BY RUSSELL BOUNDY, UFO RESEARCH, FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND.UFO/AIRCRAFT : 020/QB80 (FNQ)INITIAL INVESTIGATION NOTES: REP. QB80020. Daylight Sighting.

Investigator - R. Boundy.

Date of sighting - 7/8/80

Location - Nr. Strathleven Stn., (app. 120 miles
NW of Cairns).

Following the news item (attached) broadcast on local and state radio (on 8/8/80) concerning the sighting of an UFO from a TAA jet, the investigator made a personal visit to D.O.T. officers at Cairns airport (as the sighting occurred in their area).

The investigator spoke to the Flight Service Officer who had received the call from the pilot of the jet reporting the object. He stated that on Thursday afternoon (7/8/80) the pilot flying the TAA jet to Darwin (via Gove) had made an area call to CAIRNS F.S. reporting an unidentified object flying on the same track at a higher altitude.

The Event (as related by Flight Service Officer). (Name known to investigator)

When the DC9 jet was at a position 120 miles (193km) NW of Cairns and flying at 30,000ft, the pilot sighted an object with a similar trajectory as the aircraft (i.e. NW heading).

It was in sight for approx. 5 mins until the object was eventually lost in the distance, heading towards the Gulf (of Carpentaria). The object was estimated as being 20,000ft above the aircraft, making the estimated altitude of the UO (approx) 50,000 ft.

The DOT FSO (Flight Service Officer) in contact with the aircraft, then checked with civil and military traffic movements and found no other traffic in the area.

(Note: FSO said that he had called the RAAF (presumably Garbutt, TSV) who also checked with the US Embassy Aust. in relation to flights of B52 Bombers over N.Q., there were apparently no US flights at that time).

After the object disappeared, and the pilot was notified of the nil traffic situation, the FSO requested further details of the UO but the pilot "sounded disinterested" at this point and did not supply further details.

Object Description:

Given by the pilot to the FSO during the sighting.

"Seen only as a dark dot with a distinctive contrail behind, heading NW. The pilot could not make out any aircraft shape."

Discussion: FSO's at Cairns stated that they had no knowledge of any RAAF investigation into the sighting, as mentioned on the news item. The FSO said that he did not know the name of the pilot and ref'd investigator to TAA (Trans Aust.Airlines). The FSO did not think the pilot would wish to answer any questions regarding the sighting. TAA were contacted on 9/8/80 and the name of the pilot was obtained. A TAA Traffic Officer said he had spoken to the captain concerning the sighting reported on the radio and the captain had appeared generally disinterested in it. The pilot was in Cairns on the 8/8/80 but at the time 'FNQ' had not heard of the sighting.

Aircraft: DC9, Crew: 2 pilots. Flight: 534 Cairns-Gove-Darwin.
Departed Cairns 1300 hours; Captain: Willinczyck.

At the time of sighting position of jet approx. over area of Strathallan or Strathleven Stations (near Palmer Rv).

(On Domestic Route "AVOCADO") app. magnetic track - NW.286
Nearest international route is north at a 316 heading NW.

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Conclusions: (12/8/80)

As it is essential to interview the pilots of the TAA jet for further details, (i.e. eyewitness reports and their thoughts on the observation) contact with whom has yet to be established, no final conclusion can be made at this time.

However, upon the data available, there appears to be 3 possible explanations to account for the sighting made by the TAA pilot.

- 1) Poss. the object was an aircraft in the area without the permission of civil or military authorities.
- 2) Poss. the object was a meteorite with contrail on similar track as the TAA flight.
- 3) Poss. the object was an 'unknown'.

Further Investigation

On the 26/8/80 a letter was forwarded to Capt. Willinczyck via TAA's interport mail, insuring delivery. A short list of questions was also enclosed along with a stamped addressed envelope.

Investigation Notes

Times. At the stated position of the jet, (approx. 120 mls NW of Cairns) the commencement of the sighting probably occurred at 13.30 hrs EST as estimated from the departure time from Cairns, (13.00 hrs) news releases quoted 13.15 as sighting time.

Weather. Conditions in the area at this time were clear with no cloud aloft.

Aircraft Altitude. Although some media accounts put the jet at 31,000 ft. at the time of the sighting, the DOT quoted 30,000ft.

Further discussion of sighting

The only aircraft which one would expect to observe at 50,000 ft. (assuming the pilot's estimation was correct) is of the military designation; however DOT confirmed that neither the RAAF or the USAF had aircraft in the area at the time.

The RAAF were apparently alerted to the event (see letter from 4BH); however, it appears that following the pilot's disinterest in filing a report, investigations were ceased.

By the 20/10/80 the pilot had not replied to FNQ, thus no first hand statement from him is available. Indications throughout the investigation have generally appeared to show a playing down of the incident by the pilot, this was concluded from conversations with those who spoke to him after the sighting and media items.

Conclusions

Although the object appears more likely to have been an aircraft there is no evidence to support this explanation.

The object could not be identified by either the DOT or the pilot and no satisfactory explanation has emerged from inquiries into the incident.

The object must be assumed as a POSSIBLE UFO.

Amendments to Initial Notes.

- 1) Discussion: 'Avacado' is a reporting point on the domestic route - not name of route.
- 2) Investigator was given location in miles - possibly these should be nautical miles.



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